

Joan Baez "February"

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I threw your keys in the water, I looked back
They'd frozen half way down in the ice
They froze up so quickly, the keys and their owners
Even after the anger, it all turned silent and
The everyday turned solitary
So we came to February

First we forgot where we'd planted those bulbs last
year
Then we forgot that we'd planted at all
Then we forgot what plants are altogether
And I blamed you for my freezing and forgetting and
The nights were long and cold and scary
Can we live through February?

You know I think Christmas was a long red glare
Shot up like a warning, we gave presents without cards
And then the snow
And then the snow came, we were always out shoveling
And we'd drop to sleep exhausted
Then we'd wake up, and it's snowing

And February was so long that it lasted into March
And found us walking a path alone together
You stopped and pointed and you said, "That's a
crocus"
And I said "What's a crocus?" and you said "It's a
flower"
I tried to remember but I said "What's a flower?"
You said "I still love you"

The leaves were turning as we drove to the hardware
store
My new lover made me keys to the house
And when we got home, well we just started chopping
wood
Because you never know how the next will be
And we'll gather all our arms can carry
I have lost to February

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